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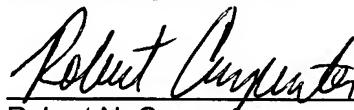
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	A01	5,434,083	18 Jul 1995	Mitsumaki et al.			
	A02	5,576,215	19 Nov 1996	Burns et al.			
	A03	5,846,491	8 Dec 1998	Choperena et al.			
	A04	5,985,672	16 Nov 1999	Kegelman et al.			
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